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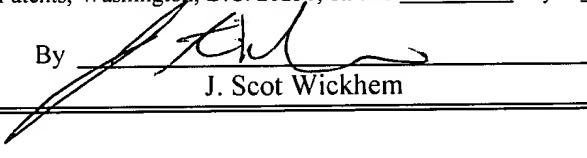
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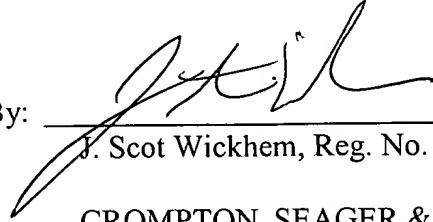
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Dear Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- Information Disclosure Statement.
- Form PTO-1449 with Twenty-one (21) references.
- Postcard receipt.
- Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment in the enclosed fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to the obligations of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is intended to be made hereby that any of the cited references establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a *prima facie* case of unpatentability of any claim of the present case.

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the mailing date of a first Official Action reflecting an examination on-the-merits, and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b). Accordingly, no fees are due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449. However, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these materials, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Crompton, Seager & Tufte Deposit Account No.: 50-0143.

Applicant respectfully requests that the listed documents be made of record in the present case. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,
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By their attorney,

Date: April 1, 2003


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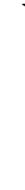
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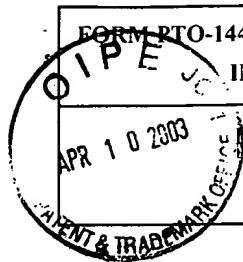


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